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REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED		

1. On 29 June 1954, about 50 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were parked in two groups at Finow airfield east of the flight control station. The alert flight of 4 MiG-15s, including 2 [redacted] was parked at the runway. Ten to 12 single-engine aircraft were observed west of the flight control building. Between 1100 and 1500 on 30 June, local individual flights were made by 3 MiG-15s. Between 2140 and 2230 on 1 July, flying was practiced by MiG-15s while two searchlights were in operation. The searchlights were probably located in the western section of the field about 1 km apart. On 5 July, an estimated 65 aircraft, including at least 45 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were parked at the field. No additional air activity was observed up to 9 July. 1

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2. On 5 July, a Fishnet-type radar set on a mast, about 8 meters high, was observed at the eastern edge of the field, just south of the runway. About 50 meters west of this set, on the western side of the short runway was a truck mounting a model AA 4 MK 3 set. On 29 June, the Token-type radar set was still observed on triangulation point 71.5 at the Eberswalde-Sommerfelde road. 2

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3. In early July, the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern section of the field was still occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns. 3

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4. Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field involved [redacted]

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5. The following air activity was observed at the field between 21 June and 17 July:

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28 June. Between 0730 and 1830, about 35 take-offs were made by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s some of which flew in formations of two and three, sometimes at high altitudes.

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30 June. Between 0800 and 1800, about 60 take-offs were made by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s. Local individual flights and formation flights in elements of two and wedge formation were observed. After 2000, night flying activity was heard.

1 July. Between 0730 and 1900, local and formation flights were made. Sixty to 70 take-offs were counted.

6 July. Between 0800 and 2000, 35 take-offs were counted. The same flights were made as on the preceding days in addition to firing at towed sleeve targets in the Werbellinsee area. Night flying was practiced after 2000.

7 July. Thirty-five to 40 take-offs were made.

14, 16 and 17 July. Twenty-five take-offs were conducted by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s each day. On 17 July, the following aircraft were counted at the field: 4 alert MiG-15s in the northeastern corner and 19 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s on the northern edge. An additional 25 to 30 MiG-15s and 8 Yak-11s were estimated on the northern edge. At the same time, 4 swept-back jet aircraft were aloft. 1

6. On 2 July, a radar station with a Token-type set was observed on a small elevation north of the Eberswalde - Bad Freienwalde road, about 600 meters northeast of Sornafelde. Formerly, a sound locator of the German air defense had been located there. About 20 air force soldiers were employed in the radar station. 2 Almost throughout the day on 26 June, firing at towed sleeve targets was practiced over the Bad Freienwalde area. Jet bombers flying in the direction of Werneuchen attacked the sleeve target which was towed by a jet bomber at an altitude of 2,000 to 3,000 meters. At each attack, 2 or 3 bursts of fire were given. Firing from the tail gunner's position was not observed. 1

1. Comment. Pinow airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and 2 fighter regiments. The number of aircraft observed at the field approximately agrees with the aircraft strength of 2 regiments. Air activity observed was carried out along the usual pattern. The jet bombers engaged in firing at towed sleeve targets probably are Il-28s of the bomber regiment stationed in Werneuchen.

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2. Comment. The radar sets were previously reported several times.

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3. Comment. The number of AA guns in the AA gun emplacement is known.

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